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Daron R. Haddock
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Subject: Phase III Reclamation Bond Release, Willow Creek/Castle Gate Mine Permit Area.

Dear Mr. Haddock:

You have informed us that Castle Gate Holding Company has requested a Phase III reclamation bond release for all but a few remaining acres at the subject mine permit area. An inspection of the area was held on August 3, 2015, in which we participated. The areas to be released are not public lands, though we concur with the reclamation. The small area retained from bond release is around the filled escape shaft in Crandall Canyon and further time for vegetation monitoring is necessary. As to protection of the coal resource, we are satisfied with the backfilling of the shaft, but request that the fencing around the shaft be left in place to further monitor any settling until this area too is applied for Phase III bond release. The Bureau of Land Management concurs with the reclamation and has no objections to the bond release.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Steve Rigby at 435-636-3604.

Sincerely

Ahmed Mohsen
Field Manager

cc: Roger Bankert, (UT923)

Rick Rymerson, (UTG000)